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SUBJECT: NEWS REPORTS OF PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR  
RESEARCH REACTOR SALE TO IRAQ

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1. FRENCH DAILY LE FIGARO CARRIED STORY CONCERNING THE PROSPECTIVE SALE OF A NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR BY FRANCE TO IRAQ. THE REACTOR IS REPORTED TO BE OF A FRENCH DESIGN CALLED OSIRIS GENERATING 70 MWT WITH A FUEL LOADING OF 12 KILOGRAMS OF 93 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM. THE ARTICLE INDICATES THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SALE THE NAME OF THE REACTOR HAS BEEN CHANGED TO OSIRAK AND THAT A CONSORTIUM OF FRENCH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS IS AT THE POINT OF SIGNING A CONTRACT TO FURNISH THE REACTOR.

2. DURING THE DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, THE PRESS SPOKESMAN AT THE ELYSEE PALACE, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE ARTICLE, INDICATED THAT ALL PROJECTS  
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CONCERNING THE EXPORTATION FROM FRANCE OF NUCLEAR

MATERIAL AND FACILITIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DECISIONS OF THE FRENCH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON THE POLICIES OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS. THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT GIVE A PRECISE DATE FOR NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL NOR WHETHER THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF ITS NEXT MEETING.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT AFTER IT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE FONMIN AND FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY OFFICIALS.

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